

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-9, 19-45 are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 recites, inter alia, "wherein said processors delay a data write operation if said data write operation interferes with an ongoing data migration, said delay occurring by said processors holding said data write operation and then completing said data write operation without intervention of said control module". Prior art of record do not teach or suggest, either alone or in combination, the aforementioned limitation, nor would it be obvious to modify those references to include such limitation. Specifically, prior art of record teaches delaying said write operation by passing it onto the control module, contrary to the requirement in the claims. Examiner further notes applicant's arguments filed 2/4/2010 are persuasive regarding the above limitations.

Claims 19, 28, and 37 recite similar limitations and are therefore allowable for the same reasons.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SCOTT SUN whose telephone number is (571)272-2675. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu, 10:00am-8pm.

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